

Order

He sits in the clearing apologizing to The Moon Goddess, her light made jagged by the clutter where materials from The War Dance have been abandoned.

Nooka-nooka he pronounces. Then just moves his lips knowing that the evil spirits still hear. The new dancer playing First Chief had left out the end of the dance where he should stomp into the five recognized directions screaming
nooka-nooka!

In a vision, the new Chief informs him, "Yeah, we got rid of the nooka-nooka shit. First of many."

The party noise swells from the cove beach and then stops.
"All passed out!" he explains to The Moon Goddess, but she has departed.

Soon, Qua'wie will sweep the clearing with a palm leaf.
As he has for sixty years, even during typhoons. But first they will put the dance artifacts back into the ritual hut, an exact prayer for each.

He invokes Pei-o the comedic Chief of The Second Period
singing *Be cheerful and stupid. And wait.*